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SUBJECT: RUTILE DEPOSIT IN ITALY

REF: ROME 1165

1. GENERAL OUTLOOK FOR RUTILE IS GOOD. BUREAU OF MINES DATA INDICATES US HAS ONLY ONE OPERATING MINE AND MUST RELY ON IMPORTS FOR OVER 90 PERCENT OF DOMESTIC US REQUIREMENTS. PRODUCTION IN AUSTRALIA, WHICH HAS BEEN PRIMARY SOURCE OF ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF WORLD RUTILE FOR MANY YEARS IS NOW DECLINING AND PRODUCTION IN SIERRA LEONE, ONLY OTHER IMPORTANT SOURCE, IS UNCERTAIN. DEMAND FOR RUTILE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AT ANNUAL RATE OF 4 PERCENT.

2. POSSIBLE ADVERSE DEVELOPMENTS, HOWEVER, INCLUDE AN INCREASE OF WORLD CAPACITY FOR MANUFACTURE OF SYNTHETIC RUTILE AND SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTITUTE

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TITANIFEROUS SAND DEPOSITS AT RICHARDS BAY.

3. RE SPECIFIC ITALIAN DEPOSIT, 4-8 PERCENT RUTILE IS UNUSUALLY HIGH CONTENT FOR ECLOGITE. HOWEVER, SINCE ECLOGITE IS MASSIVE, MINING, CRUSHING, AND GRINDING OPERATIONS WILL BE EXPENSIVE. RUTILE PRICES HAVE IN PAST

BEEN EXTREMELY VOLATILE, RANGING FROM 175 DOLLARS PER SHORT TON IN 1972 TO 710 DOLLARS PST IN 1975. PRESENT PRICE TREND IS DOWNWARD. COMPREHENSIVE TESTING BY RELIABLE METALLURGICAL CONSULTING FIRM IS PROBABLY WISE BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.

4. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, ITALIAN ENTREPRENEUR MAY WISH TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FOLLOWING U.S. COMPANIES:

MINING COMPANIES

1. AMERICAN SMELTING & REFINING CO.
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005

2. E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & CO.
FARMERS BANK, ROOM 1325
WILMINGTON, DE. 19898

3. GLIDDEN-DURKEE
DIVISION OF SCM CORP.
P.O. BOX 5
LAKEHURST, NEW YORK 08733

4. HUMPHREYS MINING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 8
FOLKSTON, GA. 31537

5. N L INDUSTRIES, INC.
100 CHEVALIER AVENUE
SOUTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY 08879

6. TITANIUM ENTERPRISES
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLA. 32043

PIGMENT PRODUCERS

1. AMERICAN CYANAMID CO.
WAYNE, N.J. 07470 (W.M. ANDERES, PURCHASING)

2. E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & CO.

FARMERS BANK, ROOM 1325
WILIMINGTON, DEL. 19898 (R.P. FRENCH, PURCHASING
AND R.B. FULTON, GEOLOGIST)

3. GLIDDEN-DURKEE
DIVISION OF SCM CORP.
5601 EASTERN AVE.
BALTIMORE, MD 21224 (MILES B HOPKINS)

4. NEW JERSEY ZINC CO.
2045 CITY LINE ROAD
BETHLEHEM, PA. 18017 (WILLIAM SLOANE)

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